



# ARIZONA AGRI-WEEKLY

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## PRECIPITATION REPORTED THROUGHOUT MOST OF THE STATE

**Alfalfa** harvest was reported as 73 percent not being harvested, 7 percent light, 4 percent moderate, and 16 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 7 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 13 percent fair, and 73 percent good. Sheeping-off was widely reported as being light to none.

**Range and Pasture** conditions were reported as 17 percent very poor, 25 percent poor, 43 percent fair, and 15 percent good. **Livestock** was reported to be in fair condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short to adequate while **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as none to light.

As of March 31, 32 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 35 percent of **Barley**, 18 percent of **Other Wheat**, and 16 percent of **Other Small Grains** were reported as headed.

Temperatures throughout the state were slightly above average last week. Temperatures ranged from 1 degree below normal at Payson to 5 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 86 degrees at Coolidge while the lowest reading was 24 degrees at Grand Canyon and Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at 13 stations. Precipitation ranged from 1.36 inches at Canyon

De Chelly to .01 inches at Willcox. Phoenix, Canyon De Chelly, Grand Canyon, and Gila Bend have recorded more than normal rainfall levels to date.

Last week temperatures in Arizona were generally cooler than normal. Producers in central Arizona continued to ship a variety of vegetables including **broccoli, cabbage, cilantro, dandelion, dill, endive, escarole, flowering kale, green onions, kale, kohlrabi, mixed greens, napa, parsley, spinach** and **swiss chard**. **Lettuce** shipments included **leaf** and **romaine**. Eastern Arizona producers shipped **hot house tomatoes**. Producers in western Arizona also shipped a wide variety of vegetables including **anise, broccoflower, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, endive, escarole, mixed greens, napa, parsley, salad savoy, spinach** and **swiss chard**. Western **lettuce** and **salad/salad mixes** shipments included **boston, iceberg, leaf, romaine** and **spring mix**.

Central Arizona citrus producers harvested **lemons, navels, grapefruit, minneolas, fairchild tangerines** and **tangelos**. Western citrus producers harvested **grapefruit, lemons** and **tangelos** last week.



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**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR THE WEEK MARCH 26-APRIL 1, 2000**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	45	1	74	24	1.36	2.34	2.08
Casa Grande	63	3	81	50	0.00	1.74	2.32
Coolidge	60	2	86	39	0.06	2.27	2.60
Douglas	57	0	82	31	0.02	0.37	1.66
Flagstaff	38	1	64	24	0.77	5.25	6.75
Gila Bend	66	0	85	49	0.00	2.05	1.83
Grand Canyon	37	5	64	26	0.37	5.76	4.50
Kingman	55	1	76	41	0.13	1.40	2.92
Parker	66	4	90	52	0.07	0.66	1.55
Payson	49	-1	75	29	0.96	6.07	6.34
Phoenix	65	1	83	49	0.21	2.99	2.25
Prescott Airport	47	1	70	32	0.17	2.07	2.65
Safford Ag Center	57	2	83	36	0.00	0.33	1.86
Tucson	61	0	82	46	0.06	1.18	2.30
Willcox	54	1	80	28	0.01	1.09	2.24
Winslow	49	0	77	28	0.56	1.49	1.53
Yuma	68	0	84	53	0.00	0.30	0.79

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.